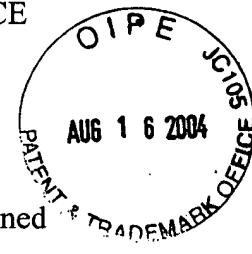


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[] The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

[] the explanation provided on the attached sheet.

[] the explanation provided in the Specification.

[] submission of the enclosed International Search Report.

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[] Applicant requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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